

April 17, 2003

Advice 2453-G

(Pacific Gas and Electric Company ID U 39 G)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: Revisions to Schedule G-BAL and Noncore Balancing Aggregation Agreement (Form 79-869)

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) hereby submits for filing revisions to its gas tariffs. The affected tariff sheets are listed on the enclosed Attachment I.¹

Purpose

The purpose of this filing is to revise PG&E's gas Schedule G-BAL--*Gas Balancing Service for Intrastate Transportation Customers*, and Form No. 79-869--Noncore Balancing Aggregation Agreement (NBAA). Including associated Exhibits A and B. The changes allow customers and gas suppliers to submit changes to their NBAA up until the last business day of the month, to be effective the first business day of the following month.

Background

Currently, PG&E requires that changes to Exhibits A and B of the NBAA be received by PG&E at least three business days prior to the beginning of the effective month. Customers and gas suppliers have asked that the timeframe be shortened, since on certain occasions, they have been unable to complete those negotiations within the timeframe. PG&E will process the changes on the same day as they are received.

¹ PG&E reserves all legal rights to challenge the decisions or statutes under which it has been required to make this advice filing, and nothing in this advice filing constitutes a waiver of such rights. Also, PG&E reserves any additional legal rights to challenge the requirement to make this advice filing by reason of its status as a debtor under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code, and nothing in this advice filing constitutes a waiver of such rights.

Tariff Revisions

PG&E proposes to revise Schedule G-BAL and the NBAA to allow for the timing change described above and to clarify the effective date of the NBAA as follows:

- Schedule G-BAL--Balancing Agent provision (page 2 of 14)
- NBAA, page 1, section 2 - Term of Agreement. This section was revised to clarify the effective date of the NBAA. (Previously, it appeared to be tied to the effective date of Exhibit A.)
- NBAA, Exhibit A, page 1, paragraph 3
- NBAA, Exhibit B, paragraph 2

Protests

Anyone wishing to protest this filing may do so by sending a letter by **May 7, 2003**, which is 20 days from the date of this filing. The protest must state the grounds upon which it is based, including such items as financial and service impact, and should be submitted expeditiously. Protests should be mailed to:

IMC Branch Chief – Energy Division
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue, 4th Floor
San Francisco, California 94102

Facsimile: (415) 703-2200
E-mail: jjr@cpuc.ca.gov

Protests also should be sent by e-mail and facsimile to Mr. Jerry Royer, Energy Division, as shown above, and by U.S. mail to Mr. Royer at the above address.

The protest should be sent via both e-mail and facsimile to PG&E on the same date it is mailed or delivered to the Commission at the address shown below.

Pacific Gas and Electric Company
Attention: Brian K. Cherry
Director, Regulatory Relations
77 Beale Street, Mail Code B10C
P.O. Box 770000
San Francisco, California 94177

Facsimile: (415) 973-7226
E-mail: RxDd@pge.com

Effective Date

PG&E requests that this advice filing become effective on regular notice, **May 27, 2003**, which is 40 days after the date of filing.

Notice

In accordance with General Order 96-A, Section III, Paragraph G, a copy of this advice letter is being sent electronically and via U.S. mail to parties shown on the attached list. Address changes should be directed to Sandra Ciach at (415) 973-7572. Advice letter filings can also be accessed electronically at:

http://www.pge.com/customer_services/business/tariffs/

Vice President - Regulatory Relations

Attachments



SCHEDULE G-BAL—GAS BALANCING SERVICE FOR INTRASTATE TRANSPORTATION CUSTOMERS
(Continued)

BALANCING AGENT:
(Cont'd.)

Noncore End-Use Customer designation of a Balancing Agent, changing of one Balancing Agent for another Balancing Agent, or terminating the services of a Balancing Agent, will take effect on the first day of the month following PG&E's receipt of an executed Noncore Balancing Aggregation Agreement (NBAA) (Form No. 79-869), or Exhibit A or Exhibit B of the NBAA. The request must be received by PG&E by the last business day prior to the first day of the month the designation or change is to take effect. Requests that are not received by PG&E by the last business day prior to the first day of the month will not take effect until the first day of the second month following such request.

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For End-Use Customers whose imbalances were previously not handled under an NBAA, upon designating a Balancing Agent and executing an NBAA, any existing imbalances and/or adjustments to past imbalances will also become the responsibility of such Balancing Agent upon the effective date of the NBAA.

The Balancing Agent may nominate transportation deliveries to PG&E on behalf of the Customer, in accordance with the provisions of gas Rule 21.

BALANCING OPTIONS:

PG&E will provide Balancing Service to accommodate any imbalances between Customer usage and gas delivered to PG&E for the Customer. Only one balancing option may apply to an individual End-Use Customer at any time. Monthly Balancing remains the default balancing option for any Balancing Agent who does not elect Self-Balancing. In accordance with gas Rule 21, all Balancing Agents must endeavor to ensure that daily gas deliveries match daily gas usage.

MONTHLY BALANCING OPTION:

MONTHLY TOLERANCE BAND:

The Monthly Tolerance Band is equal to plus or minus five percent ($\pm 5\%$) of the usage in the month in which the imbalance occurred. PG&E will provide Monthly Balancing Service at no additional charge if the Balancing Agent's Cumulative Imbalance is less than or equal to the Tolerance Band limit.

If a Balancing Agent has a month-end imbalance that exceeds the Monthly Tolerance Band, this amount may be traded or will be cashed out as provided below. Unlike the Self-Balancing Option, there is no specific noncompliance charge for exceeding the balancing limit of the Monthly Tolerance Band.

If at any time the aggregate imbalance of all of PG&E's On-System Customers has exceeded plus or minus three percent ($\pm 3\%$) of that month's aggregate deliveries for any two (2) months in the preceding twelve (12) month period, PG&E may decrease the limit of the Tolerance Band by one percent (1%) after a minimum of thirty (30) days' notice to Customers. The Tolerance Band may not be adjusted more than once in any twelve (12) month period. The Tolerance Band may not be set below three percent (3%) without prior CPUC approval.

DAILY USAGE MEASUREMENT:

For purposes of determining daily usage, Noncore End-Use Customers are required to have daily metering. Telemetering will be installed on Noncore End-Use Customers' meters, where PG&E determines that it is cost-effective.

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PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY
NONCORE BALANCING AGGREGATION AGREEMENT
FORM NO. 79-869 (5/03)
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Karen A. Tomcala
Vice President
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